



Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Policy Statement endorsing support for Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Project 25 Standards (P25) setting minimum requirements for voice radio communications equipment and land mobile radio (LMR) systems for Iowa Public Safety and other affiliated communication suppliers or users.

WHEREAS: The Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) is charged under Iowa Code 80.28 and 80.29 to develop, implement, and oversee policy, operations, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports standards based communications criteria for radio operable and interoperable equipment and land mobile radio (LMR) systems, and;

WHEREAS: The ISICSB supports standards that requires an "open architecture" in all frequency bands for LMR communications systems and equipment providing real-time, interoperability through multiple means, and;

WHEREAS: The ISICSB supports common standards for all frequency bands to provide effective and reliable inter-agency and intra-agency radio communications, consistent with current best practices and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Interoperability Continuum, which recognizes a standards based system as the highest levels of interoperability, and;

WHEREAS: The ISICSB supports development of a statewide, wide area LMR system as the states' interoperability platform, and recognizes the role of a wide area LMR platform as necessary to Iowa statewide voice radio interoperability solution, and;

WHEREAS: The ISICSB supports standards requiring compatibility and graceful migration requirements for all public safety communications systems in all frequency bands leading to increased cross frequency band interoperability which P25 provides, and;

WHEREAS: The ISICSB supports standards stimulating manufacturer involvement and competition throughout a system's lifecycle, and;

WHEREAS: A significant coalition of local, state and federal public safety agency users have already demonstrated their support for the APCO Project 25 Suite of Standards; Now therefore

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

That the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of support for, and compliance with, APCO Project 25 (P25) initiative and its standard setting process for any public safety LMR interoperable communications systems used in Iowa for public safety.